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One more test

by Doug Sherman
Director, Career Services

If you are a graduating senior, you probably think that you are done with tests for a while after you wrap up your last final exam.

Think again. The chances are that as you begin to apply for jobs, you will have to take one more test: a drug test.

The test is no longer used just for Olympic athletes or airline pilots who have to worry about being caught using drugs. More and more companies have, or are installing drug testing programs into their hiring procedures for each and every job applicant. A recent survey by Michigan State University found that 47% of employers who hire large numbers of new college graduates now require drug testing. Another 15% are putting together a testing program. If you apply to a company that does business with the federal government, you can count on being tested, as these businesses are now required by law to drug test when hiring new employees.

Why the big push? Simple enough. Employers have realized

that their employees who do drugs cost business more than 100 billion dollars a year. With the escalating costs of employee health care, businesses are unwilling to hire workers who will cost them even more. Employers have also figured out that employees who use drugs are dangerous. Recreational drug users are three times as likely to cause an injury on the job.

It's not just employers that are getting behind drug testing. Employees are also in favor of the programs. Most employees do not wish to be involved with coworkers who are using drugs. More and more unions are backing drug testing programs. The Massachusetts AFL-CIO, representing 400,000 workers statewide, recently endorsed guidelines for drug testing.

The most common form of a drug test is urinalysis, performed as a part of a pre-employment physical. It's a quick test and can test for several substances at once. Marijuana and cocaine are the most frequent targets.

The test catches not just the drug abuser, but also the casual

user. Marijuana, for example, can show up in urine samples anywhere from five days to almost a month after use. These tests are by no means foolproof. Although accuracy has improved in recent years, testing can never be 100% accurate, but mistakes can happen. Some prescription drugs, for example, and even some foods, can cause positive results. Nevertheless, a positive result from a drug test is usually enough to make a company drop an applicant from consideration, no matter how qualified.

For some companies, the testing isn't over once you are hired. Although not as frequent, some employers also perform random or annual testing of their employees. Some people argue that this practice is unconstitutional, as the Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable searches, but so far the courts have not agreed.

It's clear that for the foreseeable future, drug testing is here to stay and will become even more common. Although you don't need to study for it, this is one test you don't want to fail.

Waste not, want not: the Conservation Movement

Tina Simulevich
Contributing Writer

Conservation might be considered a household word in today's society, but to many it is still a foreign topic. The wise use of our natural resources by recycling and conserving is becoming essential if our society hopes to live and breathe in a safe environment.

Earth Day is celebrated this

month and is dedicated to educating the public on preservation of plants, animals, water, land and the atmosphere. Many aren't aware that our environment is being destroyed by pollutants and waste material, a problem which becomes more severe every day, according to environmentalists.

Modern day technology has made comfortable new innovations such as disposable diapers,

razors, cups and other plastic items. The main problem with these conveniences is that they don't breakdown efficiently. Plastics are overflowing our landfills, and our country is running out of places to dump them.

Biodegradable products, however, have the ability to break down over a sufficient period of time,

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Women's studies minor proposed at FSC

by Christine Leccese
Strobe staff

Women and men all over the country have recently viewed Women's History Month as more than just a chance to reflect on our history. It is a time to become aware of women's issues and to make changes concerning our future. Fitchburg State College is trying to get involved in women's issues by proposing a women's studies minor. A committee of 35 people, made up of faculty members and administrators have put together a proposal that is currently being evaluated by college committees.

The proposed minor would require the student to take eighteen credit hours, including three credits of a core course. This required course, Introduction to Women's Studies, will be interdisciplinary as well as taught by a two teacher team in different departments. The other 15 credits can be drawn from various departments including History, English, Psychology, Sociology, Art and Music.

FSC currently possesses the

resources to accommodate the proposed minor. The library holds a wealth of books, articles and films about women and women's issues. "It's not as if we are making something out of nothing," said Margot Kempers, one of the coordinators of the effort. The college also has one of the most important ingredients to the success of the minor: student interest.

Some of the courses offered in the past such as Women in American Society, Women in Literature and History of Women from 1870 have been packed full with students, while many tried to red card in. Many students showed enthusiasm to the proposal and have their own suggestions for classes they would like to see offered.

Some of the courses that those interested want to see include: Women in Media, Women in Business, Introduction to Feminism, Feminist Theory, Gender Differences in the Workplace and International Women's Studies.

Two coordinators of the proposal are Dr. Margot Kempers who teaches Sociology and Dr. Harriet Alonso who teaches History. continued on page 3

SGA update

by Todd Weldon
Strobe staff

Voting "No" on the referendum for the Spring 1990 elections will free Student Government Association from paying mandatory fees.

The State Student Association of Massachusetts (SSAM) has threatened a lawsuit if SGA doesn't meet their demands. SGA has paid \$3400 of the \$6800 demanded for the SSAM membership fee. This fee is collected from each student's activities fee. SGA President Bill McCarty justified this demand by saying, "The money is needed on campus rather than giving it to an organization which supposedly helps us."

SGA has divided the remaining \$3400 amongst The Strobe for their new computer, the Radio Station and the nine new organizations on campus.

SSAM is an organization which files legislation with the state legislator in the interest of the students.

If SGA doesn't pay, they will lose their membership privileges with SSAM. McCarty hopes the referendum fails because presently SGA can't quit the membership. As long as SSAM and FSC exist, SGA will remain a member.

At the present time, the fee is a mandatory contribution. McCarty reiterates the importance of each student's vote by saying, "If we pass the referendum it will virtually assure us that the money will stay on the campus."

A SAFE (Student and Faculty Alliance For Education) rally will be held tomorrow on April 12 at the Boston Commons. The rally is being held to speak against the 9% cut in the Higher Education budget in a one year period. Of the fifty states, Massachusetts is the only state to fall below the 90% mark in appropriations. SAFE is hoping to make this the biggest rally ever by students. SGA is hoping to fund the attendance of many students, and as many buses as possible. The faculty has agreed to make alternative assignments for students unable to attend. Students will be excused from classes tomorrow.

Kathy Sherman, from MASSPIRG, has announced that Earth Week will be during April 16-22. In conjunction, MASSPIRG has lobbied with DAKA to alert students of environmental changes. It will be called Mug Week, which means students will be asked to bring mugs with them when they eat at the commuter's cafeteria or the Holmes Dining Commons.

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Commentary

How many times have we picked up The Strobe on a Wednesday afternoon? How many of those times have we ignored the articles about raising prices at "DAKA," President Mara's new outlook on the parking situation, and articles written by Health Services? We instead open up to the personals and see how many we didn't receive this week.

This time it will be different. A student writing in to other fellow students a problem she is having understanding an epidemic on her college campus. Yes, FSC has been known for quite some time now as a "party school." It has made news a few times for its fantastic football team and its "paddy wagon" visits. Moms and dads everywhere ask their children if they were at that party last Spree Day. The answer given is the one most parents want to hear: "for a little while" or "no." When realistically the answer should have been "which one" or "who wasn't."

But how many of our parents asked us about where we woke up the morning after Spree Day, or any other weekend morning for that matter? Let's not judge those outgoing members of our school, because most of us must admit we have awoken once or twice on the wrong side of campus.

So, what's the point? Well, if we are going to be free at heart and soul, why are we not looking ahead as to where it may lead us? In the 60's, sex was cool and free, no questions asked. No one would use contraception because it wasn't groovy. Well, now many of those "hippies" are sterile, because their coolness lead to undiagnosed STD's. What's an STD? Well, for those of us who would rather not talk about it, because it's embarrassing, I'll say the words, "Sexually Transmitted Diseases." I know I hate to think about it, too.

If Bart Simpson was to ask his father what an STD was, I think the answer Holmer might give would be, "Well, Son, STD's are those Super Teeny Disgusting Sickneses people get when they don't use their "party hats." We all know what Bart's response would be. "But, gee Dad, it interrupts the whole romance of the moment," and Bart's right. Two people meet at a party. They are both wearing their "beer goggles" and they're venturing back to one of their rooms. One thing leads to another and they have sex. Romance isn't the word that comes to mind! No candlelight, no soft music, and usually no last names.

What about Peg Bundy asking her smart neighbor friend what Kelly's chances of contracting an STD are since she is now a junior and will be graduating within three years? Kelly's chances would be one person in every five if she came to FSC. The thought of all these people who are sexually active, and never been tested for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, or Herpes is frightening. What about AIDS?

We all like to have our fun. I realize there are a few "nice" people left and that's terrific. But let's take a good look at the things we are doing, a serious mature look. No lecture, just a fellow student feeling rather flabbergasted by this rampant problem. Whoever I will be sleeping with, will be that "dude" and all his past flings, chicks, and girlfriends. Vice-versa. And I don't need or want any Super Teeny Disgusting Sickneses, do you?

Lisa Marie Watters

Police Blotter

Public safety Officers responded to these incidents between March 20 to April 3, 1990. Some of these are alleged incidents and some cases are still under investigation.

Three suspicious males in the New Halls area.

Suspicious vehicles with one occupant in Ross Street lot. Vehicle operator (nonstudent) identified in McKay School lot operating under the influence.

Vehicle broken into and items stolen from interior at the power plant parking area.

Vehicle reported stolen from the Ross Street lot/recovered by Ashburnham Police Department.

Vandalism to a vehicle in the Upper Cedar parking lot. Disturbance in Hammond Building, local youths removed from the building.

Individual stopped in process of dumping trash on campus. Noise complaint by a resident of Herlihy Hall. Request by Pub manager to help in closing the Pub. Larceny of clothing from Aubuchon Hall. Ambulance summoned for a transport from Aubuchon Hall to Burbank Hospital.

Noise complaints from the vicinity of Percival Hall, a group was dispersed. Problems with an intoxicated person in Russell Towers. Disturbance reported in the New Halls. Medical emergency in Aubuchon Hall. Fire alarm in Russell Towers, electrical problem.

Ambulance call to Hammond Building.



The discrimination on campus is very subtle and covered up. It needs to be revealed and resolved

In the March 14 issue of The Strobe's question of the week, two quotes were placed under the wrong persons by mistake. Here is how they should be. SORRY!

I think there's a lot of discrimination at FSC. It goes both ways. You'll find discrimination everywhere at all levels. In college there's less than in the overall population, because we're all peers.

Mark Christoffels



Announcements

Attention all FSC students, now that midterms are over, it might be time to get a free qualified tutor. Stop by room 305 in the Hammond Building on the third floor, from 9:30-4:30, Monday through Friday.

An art exhibit featuring the work of Howard J. Besnia will be on view in the Campus Center Art Gallery at FSC through April 13. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and weekends from noon to 6:00 p.m.

G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Alliance) is a support group to help unite gay's and lesbian's in the FSC community. If you would like more information please write to box 1019.

On April 11, R.P. Hale on harpsichord and handmade hammered dulcimers, performing traditional, colonial and baroque music from the 14th to 18th centuries will perform in the Campus Center Lounge from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The FSC Band and Jazz Ensemble, in conjunction with the Montachusett Area Council of Directors of Volunteer Services, will present a concert on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Weston Auditorium. Tickets are \$2.

Make your Teaching Certification Physical Appointment early. Dr. Carl Johnson will be doing the Physicals through May 11. Call 345-2151 ext. 3216 for your appointment.

An art exhibit featuring FSC students and faculty will be in the Union Stop Pub in the Hammond Building from 4/16 - 4/27. The exhibit will be environmentally oriented. Please submit photographs, paintings, drawings, etchings or literary works to campus box 1349 by Thursday, April 12. Call 342-8830 for more information.

Counseling Services will sponsor Assertion Training by Sharon Sarno-Barbanel on Tuesdays through May 1. Preregistration is required in person or by phone Ext. 3152.

Self-esteem workshop with Judy Gould continues on Thursdays through May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Campus Center B26-27.

Student Assistance is now accepting applications for scholarships, fellowships, grants and loans for the 1990-1991. If you would like to fill out an application, please send a self-addressed-stamped envelope to : Student Assistance, P.O. Box 57037, Webster, Texas 77598.

Craig Shergold is seven years old and has a very short time to live due to a brain tumor. His wish is to be in the Guinness Book for receiving the most get well cards, the record is 1,000,265. Please mail Craig a card no later than April 15 to: Craig Shergold, C/O Children's Wish Foundation, 32 Perimeter Center c., Atlanta, Ga 30346.

Newman Center Holy Week Schedule:
Wednesday, April 11-MASS 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12-MASS 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 13-STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 11-10:00 to 11:30 a.m. & 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Confessions available behind the screen or face to face. Other times by appointment.

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thus eliminating an excessive buildup. Plastics that are dumped into landfills and covered over, do not have the ability to decompose, and subsequently remain in our environment for decades.

Through Earth Day, MASS-PIRG, and other awareness groups, strive to preserve our land and its resources.

Plastics Again, a recycling plant in Leominster is the first in the nation to recycle polystyrene, a plastic used in school cafeterias and fast food chains. McDonalds has announced that it will be sending polystyrene from 450 New England restaurants to the Leominster plant. Polystyrene is turned into small pellets, and then recycled into non-food applications, such as tissue holders, hangers, packaging material and video cassette cases. Tom Tomaszek, general manager reports their plant will recycle three million pounds per year and seek new permits that will allow them to process six million per year.

Conservation is possible through public awareness and education. Each individual is capable of taking on the responsibility to preserve the environment and stop it from being destroyed.

Part 1 of a 3 part series.



SGA Update

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Sherman explains, "It will reduce the waste of water to wash the glasses and it'll reduce the waste of using paper cups."

Also, students and faculty are encouraged to submit pictures, poems and other forms of art for the art show, "Earth Works" by April 12. These forms of art expression will be displayed to increase the awareness of the environmental deterioration.

Motion #30 approved the appointment of Michael Herter to the position of representative for the class of '91.

Motion #31 approved that council officially recognize the Iota Phi Theta fraternity as an organization on campus.

Motion #32 approved the appointment of Joseph DiGr-

azia to the position of representative for the class of '92.

Motion #33 states, "Should \$1 of the student activity fee be continued to be a mandatory contribution to the State Student Association of Massachusetts." Students will be asked to vote "No" for this referendum question during this week's elections.

Motion #34 approved the Fiscal Budget for the '91-'92 year by the Finance Committee.

SGA elections are being held this week, April 10-12. Polls will be open 9-3 each day. Candidates will speak on Thursday. Election results will be announced on April 13. Elections for other student organizations will be held during April 16-27.

Frankly Speaking by Phil Frank



Women's studies minor

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tory. They both agreed that working on the project has been a pleasant experience. Kempers, who is in her fourth year as an FSC professor says "all sorts of people on campus contributed." Alonso, a newcomer to the FSC faculty in Fall 1989 was able to meet many new people on the campus because of the effort and the teamwork.

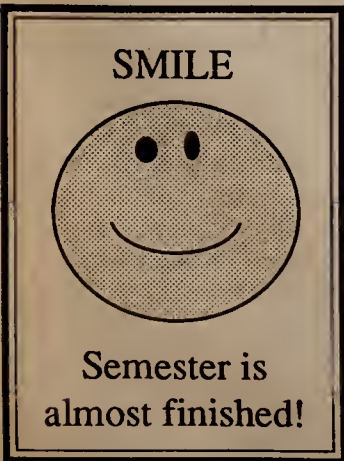
Because of popular myths and a general lack of knowledge, many people equate feminism with a fanatical, radical movement, as well as something that concerns women only. In order to further learn about our society, women and their history must be included in all areas of study.

The proposed courses would help students to become aware of what women's issues are all about, and the importance they have on the world we live in. Dr. Alonso hopes the students will get a "a better education because of the minor, especially because a lot of students become teachers."

All the recent attention to racism on campus reinforces the appropriateness of such a focused minor. Confronting racism involves opening one's mind and the same is true with sexism. Dr. Margot Kempers states "the key goals of the women's studies minor is to push awareness of society's diversity, not polarity between the sexes."

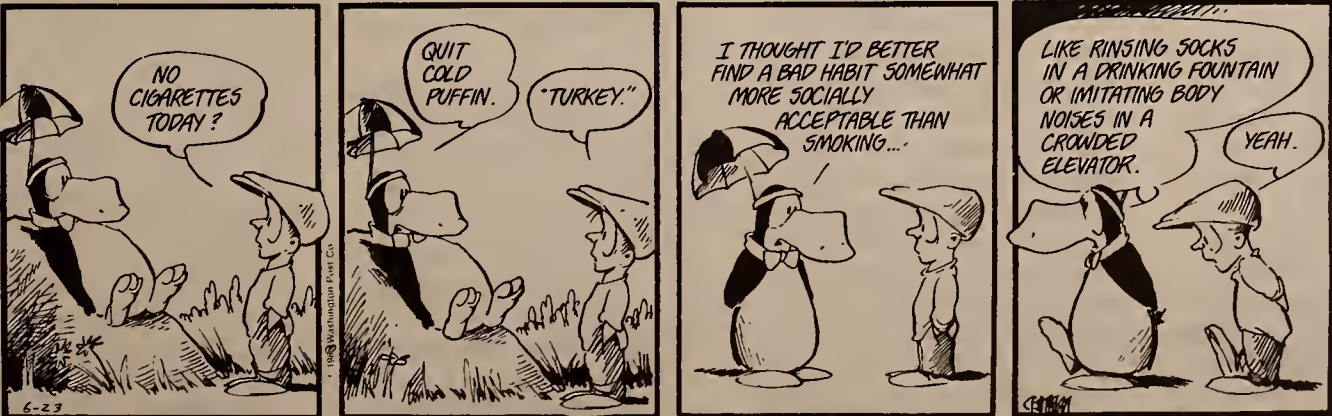
The proposal has already gotten over the first hurdle, and a decision could possibly be made by the end of the semester. If it gets approved, the minor could be offered as early as spring of 1991. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed minor, you can visit Dr. Kempers on the second floor of Thompson Hall or Dr. Alonso on the first floor of Miller Hall.

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FEATURES

Rumors ruin reputation

By Kaela Star
Contributing Writer

One of the most socially damaging things you can do to a person is destroy their reputation. Once a bad reputation is gained, it is extremely hard to lose. Everyone is so interested in everyone else's affairs, they don't take the time to think of their own problems.

In high school, you expected these things to happen, but you figured that it would stop when you reached college. However, not at Fitchburg State College, the rumor capital of the world.

FSC is a veritable high school. The only difference is that there are no rules from mom and dad, no one to force you to do homework, and no curfews. If you want something to be a secret, you can't tell anyone. Otherwise the whole school will know in a short time. And when I say a short time, I mean a matter of one morning or afternoon. Another aspect to

rumors is that as the story gets passed along, it can become radically changed. People add things, omit things or say it the way they want it to be. I'm not just talking about "Oh, did you hear Bobby scooped Suzie," but things that start as "Bobby quit his job" and ends up as "Bobby got fired for molesting five pre-schoolers." Something like this could stay with a person for a long time and cause them grief. It's not right to cause someone this potential damage if you're not sure of the facts. Even if something is true, it's no one's place to judge that person, and it's certainly none of anyone else's business.

The next time someone interferes with another person's life and tells you a story, think twice before you believe it and think again before you spread the story around. You never know what the guy next to you is saying about you, as soon as you turn your back.

The long ride to Daytona

by Kaela Star
Contributing Writer

If the idea of renting a Winnebago with a large group of people and driving it to Daytona ever crossed your mind, I would strongly advise you against it. I did just that and thought it was going to be great. On Friday afternoon, all 14 of us dragged our luggage into the mobile and found out there was hardly enough room. We immediately drove down to Rich's Department Store and bought some rope. We then tied all of the suitcases to the top. Now everyone fit, but rather snugly. We thought this would be the least of our worries, but we were quite wrong.

We had to take a longer route than normal because of the height of the vehicle. On the way down, this was no problem. However, on the way home, everyone was quite anxious to get out of the vehicle. While we were driving through Georgia, we hit a bad rain storm. If you've ever driven a Winnebago, you know that it's hard enough driving it in good weather

never mind with the wind and rain. Now imagine you have a thin suitcase (like mine). Everything you have gets completely soaked (like mine).

Once we arrived in Florida safely, we proceeded to drop people off that were staying at various motels. We couldn't find a water hook-up for the Winnebago and all the campgrounds were packed full, so we decided to avoid the hassle, pay the extra money, and get our own hotel room. Not realizing that the underpass at the hotel was too low, we went under it and the air conditioner was ripped off. That was enough to make us worry all week that something else might go wrong.

Sure enough, something else did go wrong. The next problem we had was finding a parking spot. There were certain places the camper wouldn't fit. Next, we were sideswiped by a hit and run and we had to worry about paying for the huge dent in the side. The inside smelled like the remains from a bad party from people not

cleaning up after themselves. The seating situation also left something to be desired, as everyone fought for comfortable seats. Another problem was keeping track of everyone when we stopped for a bathroom break or to get gas. Many times we almost left people many miles from home.

Finally, we were on the ride home, and we were all wondering what more could possibly go wrong. Well, going through South Carolina we had a blow-out. We got that fixed and proceeded through North Carolina when we had yet another blow-out. That's a five hour delay with 14 tired and grumpy people who have no money to pay for these tires and just want to get home. After that, we made it with only one more problem. We were running out of gas fast and scraping up pennies to fill the tank.

If that's not enough to dissuade you from renting a Winnebago with a large group of people and driving it to Florida, then I don't know what is.



The Palace of Congresses, Moscow

photo by Michelle Long



Getting directions on Arbat St., Moscow

photo by Michelle Long

FSC visits the Soviet Union

by Michelle Long
Contributing Writer

With the coming of Glasnost and Perestroika, people from all over are flocking to the Soviet Union, and rightly so. The Soviet Union is rich in history, culture, and the arts.

On March 8, a group of 18 students and faculty from Fitchburg State College embarked on the trip of a lifetime. The ten day tour brought them to Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow, Vladimir, and Suzdal.

Organized by Dr. Micciche, through Academic Travel Abroad Inc., the trip was organized in conjunction with a night class, Russian Intellectual and Cultural History. According to Micciche, "Travel experience is always as important as reading literature in the sense of seeing the people and the architecture, it provides the stimulus for further reading and thought. My only regret is that it couldn't be longer."

Highlights of the trip included going to the Kirov Ballet, St. Isaacs Cathedral, the Hermitage in Leningrad, Red Square, shopping

along Arbat Street, and touring the Metro in Moscow. Another treat was staying in a monastery in Suzdal.

One thing that was obvious as you drive through the countryside is the destruction that occurred during the war. "Everyone pretty much knew about the devastation of the Nazis and how many people were killed, but I never realized the cultural devastation" said Kim Clark, a student who participated in the trip.

Although the group was busy touring, some had the opportunity

of making friends. "It was interesting talking to someone my own age, a boy named Andrey from Leningrad," said Derek Wattu, another participant. Wattu added, "Andrey got kicked out of the University of Leningrad for his writings because the government thought they could be harmful to the state."

In addition to waiting in lines and checking your coat at all times, another unavoidable element for the tourist is the black market. The marketeers are found at all of the tourist attractions with an as-

sortment of military watches and belts, pins, and fur hats.

Between the 1986 FSC tour and today, the black market is the "biggest apparent difference," according to Micciche. He also points to the absence of political propaganda such as posters and slogans. "There is also much less glorification of Marx and Lenin," he added.

With the news of Lithuania's fight for independence and the election of Gorbachev, it was most definitely an exciting time for FSC to be in the Soviet Union.

FEATURES

The search is on

by Christine Houle
Strobe staff

Are you thinking of moving off campus, and are you wondering exactly what it is that you need to do?

The first step is to locate the property. The office of Residence Life offers an off-campus housing list, which states available housing in the area and are registered with the Board of Health and Fire Department. The list allows you to do comparison shopping of property. There is also a roommates listing, which allows you to see who else is searching for a place to live. From there, you can compare personalities, and maybe find your perfect roommate.

A major point is finances. You should review your financial standing carefully when looking for property. Try to take all expenses into account before deciding on renting anything.

According to Bill Riley, the school lawyer, "When looking for an apartment you should look for a good landlord too. You are looking for someone you can develop a trusting relationship with."

When looking at the apartment, ask questions, and don't assume anything. Make sure everything works and be very careful in making your decision.

When signing a contract, be open to bargaining. "The contract means what it says. Everything

has a meaning. Everything left out isn't included in the deal," stated Riley. This means, if washer and dryer are not included on the lease, you won't find them in the building. You might ask the landlord for exceptions. If there are any complications, talk them over with the landlord, everything is negotiable.

When you decide on an apartment, the landlord may ask for first month's rent, a security deposit, and last month's rent. A security deposit cannot be more than one month's rent, and covers the potential damages done by the tenants.

The landlord must put this money in a local account bearing interest. This money should be in your name as well as the landlord's name. The landlord must give you a receipt stating the date of the payment, the amount of the payment, and an apartment condition report. Within 30 days after he receives the security deposit, the landlord must tell the new tenants the name and address of the bank, the amount of deposit, the account number, and the amount of interest payable.

On the first anniversary of your tenancy, the landlord must pay 5% interest on the deposit, and he must tell you if he will deduct it from the rent or pay you. The last month's rent may be required similar to the security deposit. You should receive a receipt with the date of payment, the amount of

payment, and the payments intended use. Also on the anniversary of tenancy, the landlord must pay the full amount within 30 days of termination.

There are three types of tenancies: 1. Tenancy under a written lease, a written agreement. 2. Tenancy at will (without a lease), a month to month agreement. 3. A tenancy at sufferance, a rental agreement expired and the landlord refuses to renew the lease.

A termination of tenancy must be in writing by the landlord. The only reasons for a termination are if he loses the property, the lessor breaches any terms on the lease, or the rent isn't paid. If the rent isn't paid within 30 days, the landlord can send a 14 day notice to quit eviction in writing.

Something else to think about is insurance. You should look into the insurance policies of your parents to see if they will be covered under it. Renter's insurance is another option.

When viewing the apartment you should check everything. Is their adequate outlets, lighting, vents, and plumbing drainage? How is the flow of hot water, and water pressure? Check all the windows and doors for air leaks and look for water under the sinks, indicating leaks. A major question is how is the house heated, gas or oil? These are a few things to remember to check out. Good Luck!

Fine residential camp for girls in Vermont seeks women counselors/instructors, mid-June through mid-August. Gymnastics, tennis, sailing, riding, canoeing, waterfront, ceramics, arts and crafts, field sports, tripping instructors and also a secretary. Great training for prospective teachers and others who desire to work with children. Academic credit available. Non-smokers, good character and love of children. Call or write Lochearn Camp, Box 500, Post Mills VT 05058. (802)333-4211.

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Contraception is your responsibility

by Elaine Rae Murphy
Health Services

Contraception is birth control. Let's examine the possibility of certain birth control methods, examine how to use varying methods of birth control, and learn the risks of methods chosen and how to use them consistently.

This means taking charge of your life and not taking chances. To examine your own experience, ask yourself, "Am I knowledgeable about the kinds of birth control used by my partner/partners? Am I aware if my partner is using any birth control? Am I prepared to use a condom consistently?" Most importantly however, ask yourself the question, "Can I discuss birth control with my partner?"

Talking about birth control with your partner is important because you need to know what is really happening in your life regarding risk taking and unplanned pregnancy. It is an important way to show that you care about the risks you are taking and those taken by your partner. It is important to have some control over your life, your behavior, and your future.

Does it make good sense to think about the possible results of your activities before you decide to act? It should then make good sense to think about contraception before you decide to have sex. If you do not know anything about birth control and its methods, how can you take wise choices about sex? Are you caring about your sexual partner if you know nothing about birth control? How are you caring for yourself if you are active sexually and do not make birth control your business too? The answer is that you are not caring about your partner and not caring about yourself at all.

What are the risks of not discussing birth control with your partner prior to having sex? Unless you want to become a parent, you should educate yourself on birth control. This of course would change your partner's life drastically and obviously your own. Even if you and your partner decide not to remain together, if the woman chooses motherhood, the father will be financially obligated whether or not you choose to participate in the parenting.

Taking responsibility for participating in birth control deci-

sions decreases the risk of unplanned pregnancy for you and your partner. Besides pregnancy, there are other risks concerning sexual activity, the most important of which is protection against sexually transmitted disease. AIDS, Herpes, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Genital warts and Chlamydia are all diseases that you can get from unprotected sex. Unprotected sex is having sexual contact with a new partner or with a partner with whom you are not in a mutually monogamous relationship without using a condom. This is high risk behavior. Talking about birth control with your partner is important and talking about disease is also important. How can you guarantee that your partner was not sexually active with a person with an "active" disease? How can you guarantee that your partner was never in a relationship with an I.V. drug user? How can you tell if your partner has a sexually transmitted disease? The fact is you can not. You have a need to know and so you must ask.

The disease that is most common among sexually active college students is Chlamydia. Chlamydia is a bacterial infection

which is transmitted during unprotected sex. Chlamydia is easily treated with antibiotics but can become dangerous if left untreated. If untreated in men, Chlamydia can become epididymitis, an inflammation of the epididymis which can cause infertility at a time when you may want to be a father. In women, Chlamydia can lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, a serious infection of the reproductive organs which can cause sterility. Chlamydia is prevented by use of a condom with spermicide cream containing Nonyoxynol 9. Take care of yourself and take care not to give a serious disease to your partner.

As a woman there are several contraceptive methods to choose from. As a man, your choices are simpler. Abstinence is protection against any of the side effects of being sexually active. Withdrawal, or removing the penis from the vagina before ejaculation, is not a birth control method that is reliable since some sperm may be released before ejaculation. The safest, easiest, and most effective protection against both unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmit-

ted disease is a condom used with spermicidal creams. Condoms are easy to get, easy to transport, inexpensive and 99% effective against pregnancy when used every time you have sexual relations.

Good communications with your partner is essential even if you've just met. Don't assume she's using birth control or that she's taken care of it. Never assume she can't get pregnant. Don't be embarrassed to talk about birth control and sexually transmitted disease. It is for your protection but also for hers. Always mention the subject, and do so before having sex, when it's much easier to make a rational decision. Keep condoms and spermicide available and use them if you are unsure of your partner's sexual history, and are unwilling to abstain from sex.

How else can you share some of the responsibility about birth control and disease? Be knowledgeable. Make it your business to become informed about something that may have far reaching effects on your life.

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

DJ of the week



Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

Welcome to the official WXPL DJ of the Week column. Each week, the omniscient minds in charge of WXPL choose their favorite performance by a DJ. This week, that DJ is Mark Small, host of "The Blasting Shed" every Monday night from 10-12 p.m.

"The Blasting Shed," as it is appropriately termed, emphasizes the harsher side of progressive music, characterized by abrasive instrumentals and questionable lyrics, all the things that make life wonderfully miserable.

In other words, Small's show presents "the dark side of progressive music," bands whose songs emphasize "gloom and doom" as well as promote social consciousness.

Small invites you to join him in "The Blasting Shed." It's guaranteed to blow your mind!

Damn Yankees make debut

by Dan McDermott
Strobe staff

Once in a blue moon, there will come a band made up of immense talent that delivers a driving sound. The moon is blue again, bringing us the the fury of the latest hard rock phenomenon, Damn Yankees.

Although the combination is new, most of the members of Damn Yankees are legendary. Does anyone remember Styx? Well, if you do, then you certainly remember guitarist Tommy Shaw, now playing lead guitar for Damn Yankees. The sound of this new band is very different from that of Styx, but Shaw's guitar wizardry hasn't faltered at all.

Speaking of guitar wizardry, Shaw shares the lead guitar job with Ted Nugent. Nugent has been one of rock's premiere guitar heroes since the late 70's, and seems to only improve with age. Also evident is Nugent's famous sarcasm and his questionable sense of humor.

Night Ranger is defunct now, but their former bassist, Jack Blades, refuses to call it quits. He, too, has decided that the hard rock scene is too good to miss, joining Shaw and Nugent to nearly complete the band.

All Damn Yankees needed was a drummer, and newcomer Mike Cartellone filled the shoes quite nicely. Cartellone handles the sticks like he was born holding them.

Damn Yankees has been called hard rock's version of The Traveling Wilburys. That, of course, is not a great comparison. They are two great bands with two different styles of music, only the gimmick is the same.

You may have already heard Damn Yankee's single, "Coming of Age," which is included on the self-titled release available on album, cassette and compact disc. Other outstanding tracks include "Runaway," "Mystified," "Pile-driver" and the band's self-titled track "Damn Yankees."

The album wasn't intended to make any social statements or to break any rules. Think of it as four guys who love hard rock and love to have a good time.

Right on with My Left One

by Ryan Flynn
Contributing writer

My Left Foot is an emotionally powerful, totally engrossing film that views like a breath of fresh air, because it hails not from glitzy Hollywood, but unpretentious Ireland. This is the true story of Christy Brown, painter, writer, and victim of Cerebral Palsy. More significantly, he is a full fledged Dublin Catholic, and it is this backdrop that provides for the beauty that is contained in this brilliant piece of film.

Daniel Day Lewis' performance is astounding as the crippled

writer who must endure the isolation of such a debilitating disease, but within there is a budding genius. The fact that Lewis does not have Cerebral Palsy is nearly unfathomable after seeing this film.

My Left Foot traces the growth of Brown, for he was seen as a dullard and a curse on the poverty stricken family of fifteen. Through this mire of frustration and ignorance stands his mother, played by the talented Brenda Fricker. It is his mother who encourages and stands behind Christy, and when, at age 9, he draws out his mother's

name with his left foot (his only functional limb), a terrible burden has been lifted from their shoulders. His talent has been uncovered.

This movie has a chemistry that few movies have had. Every role, from the most pertinent to the smallest cameo is performed exceptionally. Ray McNally, who plays Christy's dad, gives a tremendous performance as a tormented and poor Dublin Catholic unable to understand Christy's predicament.

Lewis and Fricker may have brought home Oscars but McNally

was my personal favorite. He gave the film a unique Irish comic tension.

My Left Foot is a sad, depressing and often frustrating film, yet it is also silly, warm, and enlightening. It goes beyond showing the viewer the life of the brilliant Brown and gives him a slice of Dublin that has been called Joyce's Dublin. After seeing *My Left Foot*, perhaps it is fitting to call it Christy's Dublin, as well.

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PERSONALS

Zeus,
Don't go to sleep! One of these days, you won't wake up! I'm serious!
Love your roomie, J

Bob,
The bohemians were not digging you "naked" in Waterloo.

Bob,
How long does Irish week last!?

Let's all go back to Colony Club, that awesome resort.

Karen,
What the hell? What the hell? Congratulations on another crime. John

Hey Roomie,
Thanks for a great last semester! It's all your fault.

Amo, Lynn, Lynne, Jen, Donna, Bob, John, Jen,
Humping and bumping on the banana boat.
L&C

Like to sa, thank you to all the girls in Aubuchon for putting me through school.
Campus Pizza employee

Congrats to all the Oh's, new and returning! We're gonna gave a great summer.
Betty and Pizza

Kim,
I hope you feel better real soon!
Love ya, Jane

STeve G.
You're super! Keep smiling!
Jane

Keith is a fag!

Even though you don't make the bed, I still love ya!

Steve T.
Triple or nothing! Take the bet, I need the money.

Adelphian Society,
I love you guys with all my heart! I owe you guys the world!
Nickadoo

J.
What do you say?

Hey Houdini,
You have vanishing down to a science. Who is your next trick going to be?
7th Floor Russell

M,
You're a great guy and friend and I appreciate the offer. Right now, I have too many things to worry about and I don't need anything else on my mind. But I do thank you.
J

Don't forget Spring Fever-Thurs. April 26. Look for tickets in G-lobby.

Thanks Easter Bunny! Brok Brok

The Andromeda Taxi will be performing at the Spring Fever Extravaganza on April 26th. Be there.

RB's and WB's
Friends are a forever thing. Guys are just a passing fling.

RB's
One thing we will contend, you will never be without a friend.

P,
Falling asleep with one guy and waking up with another is not cool.
M

Kelley,
Have you seen the BB Boys?
Love, Mary

Are you having problems getting dates? If so, the tutorial center has qualified FREE history tutors among other courses.

Who are those fags on campus doing "baby 5's?" Those "cool" chicks, love you guys to death.

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Kelley,
Watch out for the bite of that drink.
Love ya, Steve S.

Doug,
Pass a semester or Coach Keough will have your nuts.
Big brother

RB's 1-19 and RBWB's
Thank god for us! When's the next jello-keg party?

Thomas,
You are treading water in a sea of retarded sexuality and bad poetry.

Tamir and Jesper
The Danes are back! Hope your vacation at FSC is all it's cracked up to be!

Hey Beth,
Thanks for the Matzoth Balls!! Glad you asked me!
Luv ya Dube

Ovary Woman,
Don't stress out cause it's not worth it!
Guess Who!

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Articles which have appeared in The Strobe and FSC Today indicate that racism is an issue which must be addressed on the Fitchburg State campus. As long as racism exists, it diminishes each of us. Recognizing this fact, the following members affirm their commitment to renewing the efforts to combat overt and covert racism on this campus and in the society at large.

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Students wait in G-lobby to select rooms for next semester.

Strobe photo by Beth Callanan

Happy Easter and enjoy the long weekend from everyone at The Strobe.

SPORTS

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NHL Stanley Cup preview

by David Walsh
Strobe staff

Here is one person's projections for the upcoming NHL playoffs.

Adams Division

Boston Bruins- Call me biased, but here is my pick to win the Stanley Cup. The team combines the best goaltending tandem in the NHL and Ray Bourque, the league's best defenseman. Once Craig Janney returns, the offense will be back in full gear. Cam Neely's 55 goals and the combination of newcomers Dave Poulin and Brian Propp, as well as the excellent coaching of Mike Milbury, make this team the ones to beat.

Buffalo Sabres- A very strong contender, the Sabres need offensive output from Pierre Turgeon and Alexander Mogilny to remain in the hunt. Goalies Darren Puppa and Clint Malarchuk need to cut back on the goals against to be successful.

Montreal Canadiens- This team just does not strike fear into opponents like they once did, but if they get hot, they could be a team to watch. Patrick Roy, arguably the best goalie in the NHL, needs to get hot for the Canadiens to challenge.

Hartford Whalers- A longshot at best. The goaltending and the fact that the Whalers have trouble on their home ice are two of the many obstacles stacked against them.

NY Rangers- Coach Roger Neilson has calmed down a turbulent squad and made this team into one that needs to be reckoned with. Bernie Nicholls, a mid-season acquisition, and Thomas Sandstrom buoy the offense while John Vanbiesbrouck stabilizes the netminding.

New Jersey- A darkhorse. Kirk Muller and John Maclean can put the puck in the net and the defense, led by Viacheslav Fetisov, will keep the puck out of the net. Unfortunately, the lack of playoff experience will hurt this team.

Washington- Known as the ultimate playoff choke artists, there is no reason to expect that they will change this season.

NY Islanders- Not even Pat LaFontaine's 50 plus goals can help this team.

Norris Division

Chicago- Originally, I had picked this team to go all the way to the finals. They have a lethal offense with Jeremy Roenick, Denis Savard and Steve Thomas leading the way. Yet, the defense is all of a sudden suspect and its problems bring out the glaring weaknesses of the goaltenders. They will be lucky to get past the first round.

St. Louis- Brett Hull and his 72 goals will be the sole reason that the Blues advance past the first round. Rookie goalie Vincent Riendeau will have his work cut out for him.

Toronto- Scored nearly as many goals as they gave up, and the fact

that the playoff system includes 16 of the 21 NHL teams is the only reason the Maple Leafs are in the playoffs.

Minnesota- The threat of playing next season in beautiful San Jose, California will only increase the quickness of packing their bags forever from this hockey town.

Smythe Division

Calgary- The defending Stanley Cup champions will make a repeat trip to the finals. The offense is the most potent in the NHL with Joe Nieuwendyk, Joey Mullen, Theoren Fleury, and Gary Roberts each scoring over 25 goals this season. Mike Vernon, who always seems to rise to the top during the playoffs, will remain steadfast and help the Flames leapfrog to the finals.

Edmonton- The Oilers without Gretzky will surprise simply because they also continue to put out a great offense night after night. The often injured Grant Fuhr may not be available for the playoffs so Bill Ranford will be forced to carry the goaltending chores.

Winnipeg- The Jets have sufficient firepower, but the goaltending is extremely suspect. Won't get past the first round.

Los Angeles- The fact that the Great One will miss the first two games with a back injury is a cause for great concern. There will be no miracle comebacks for the Kings this year.

My Final Prediction: Boston vs. Calgary in the finals
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SPORTS

College baseball preview

by Thomas Mullings
Contributing writer

The crack of a bat. A spectacular diving stab. A raw-hide covered ball. These are some images of America's most beloved sport, baseball.

Once again, baseball has emerged from its annual slumber, signaling both the return of spring and spring training.. As college teams across the nation conclude their preparation for the upcoming season, they all enter it sharing the same dreams, hopes and optimism.

The Fitchburg State College Falcons men's team is relying on hope as it attempts to redeem itself from last season. After last season's team finished the season with not only a dismal record (5-29, 0-14), but a hot controversy as well, the team was left for dead.

If nothing else, this 1990 team will be an interesting one to watch. They enter the season with a new head coach, John McGuirk, Scott Bolton as assistant coach, and an abundance of young talent with a strong desire to atone themselves for last year's disappointing season.

Will the season-ending controversy, one that soured what was already an unpleasant year, have an effect on this year's team?

On May 4, 1989, The Strobe published a disputable article alleging certain players received favorable treatment from the previous Head Coach, Dick Ballou (now at Bentley). "It affected the

the team. The team went down (to the Strobe) to speak (to the editors), said Head Coach John

McGuirk, then acting as an assistant coach. "It bothered Dick Ballou. He was upset, I was upset. As a reporter myself at the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise, you need to set both sides to the story."

Eric Oliver, previous Strobe editor, immediately issued an apology to the manager, coaches, and players.

Ryan Mitchell, OF, said Ballou was popular among his players, even refusing to cut anyone from the team. He said the article disturbed the team because they felt the two writers, Steve Gomes and Mike Ippolito, presented only the views of two disgruntled players.

The two players said they didn't see any playing time while on the team.

"It was a bunch of baloney," said Mitchell. "They were very closed-minded. They didn't set the majority of the team's opinion on the matter. If they had, the whole matter could have been avoided."

Assistant Coach, Scott Bolton, also a member of last year's team, is unconcerned about that situation.

"That's all forgotten about. There's a new coach and a new as-

sistant coach. It's like nothing ever happened," he said.

John McGuirk, a 28 year old Athol resident, brings his knowledge and love of the game to this team. McGuirk, hired in early December, said the Falcons had been lackadaisical the past couple of years. "I think I bring more discipline. I stress discipline and fundamentalism," he said. "I bring what I learned at Temple University."

"This team's never had a great program. We'll try to resurrect it and make it better," he said.

Bolton said the players are responding positively to McGuirk's presence. "He has done a very good job at setting them ready to play as compared to last year. The intensity is good and they're ready to play," he said.

Bolton, who offers his teaching abilities to the Falcons, has McGuirk's vote of confidence. "I couldn't be more pleased with Scott. He's well respected by this team and he's a very hard worker."

Rounding out McGuirk's staff is Ken Carty, an assistant coach, who provides enthusiasm, baseball instincts and perpetual words of wisdom.

The Falcons need to improve their fundamentals, McGuirk said. "I see a young team with a lot of work to do."

During the spring, the team suffered two blows. Brian Breth, a

tri-captain, and John Basile were lost for the season due to academic ineligibility. "That hurts us because they were two fine players. They'll be greatly missed," McGuirk said. "They're here to get an education and this is a school that stresses academics."

Do not confuse the 1990 FSC Falcons with the 1927 New York Yankees and its "Murderer's Row" because, as McGuirk said, "If we give up five runs, we'll lose."

This is a team that needs to tap other resources for offensive production. "We'll manufacture runs because there's not a lot of power. We're a singles and doubles team," he said. "And we're definitely going to use speed."

McGuirk is depending on Mike Pietila and Steve Cambria, his first two hitters, to set the pace of the game. "If we get these guys on, we'll be in some ball games." The Falcons, again with a power shortage problem, will bank on tri-captain 1B Mark Pierce, the strongest hitter, to deliver the thump in the lineup. McGuirk said he will look to Jim Basile, 3B-OF and a tri-captain, to deliver something besides his baseball skills to the team inspiration. "We need somebody to get this team motivated. The coaches can only do so much."

McGuirk cites Steve Mason and Brian Kustas, pitchers, Ryan Mitchell, OF, and Chris Kelsey as others who need to excel if the Falcons are to improve.

To the delight of McGuirk and Bolton, the Falcons will encounter some extremely talented ballclubs in the MASCAC including Bridgewater State, Salem State and North Adams State. They will also battle such powerhouses as Nichols, Plymouth State, Southern and Eastern Connecticut.

McGuirk is realistic about his team's chances. "They know they're underdog every game they play. That's OK, because they'll work harder," he said. Bolton added, "There's no reason why we can't be competitive."

The manager realizes this team needs to improve. "We'll take it gradually. I don't set these long-range goals. Like anything else, we have to rebuild. We'll start from the ground floor up."

What does John McGuirk think about his team so far?"

"Where we stand now, I'm happy but I'm not satisfied. You can call it greed to never be satisfied, never rest on your laurels, but get better. That's not just in baseball, that's in life," said McGuirk, full-time baseball manager and part-time philosopher.

Bruins and Celtics weekly

by David Walsh
Strobe staff

BRUINS

Week of March 26-April 1
Boston 3 St. Louis 0

The Bruins entered the final week of the regular season needing only four points to clinch the Adams Division championship. They took a giant step toward that goal with a shutout victory in St. Louis.

Reggie Lemelin stopped 33 saves, many of them spectacular, to pick up his third shutout of the season.

Craig Janney (23rd), John Carter (16th), and Peter Douris (4th) scored the goals for Boston. Boston 3 Hartford 2

Janney's goal with less than three minutes left in the game helped the Bruins clinch the Adams Division title and the best record in the NHL.

This game was a preview of the Bruins' first round playoff series.

Boston 2 Montreal 2

The excellent play of goaltender Andy Moog enabled the Bruins to stay in this game as the Canadiens bombarded Moog with 30 shots in the first two periods alone.

The Bruins lost Janney to a shoulder injury for 7-10 days. Boston 3 New Jersey 3

The final regular season game of the year pitted two strong contenders for the Stanley Cup. Highlights of this game included Cam Neely's 55th goal of the season and more brilliant goaltending by Lemelin enabling the Bruins to win the coveted Jennings Trophy for the fewest goals allowed.

The Bruins begin their best of seven first round series against the Hartford Whalers.

CELTICS

Indiana 101 Boston 96

Reggie Miller led the Pacers to a hard fought victory over the Celtics.

Robert Parish led the Celtics

with 21 points in a losing effort. Philadelphia 122 Boston 104

The 76ers blew the Celtics off the Spectrum floor with excellent all-around play from the starters and the bench. Charles Barkley's 22 points led four Philly players with 20 points or more in this game. Parish was high scorer again for the Celtics with 25 points in the game. The Celtics fell three games behind the 76ers for first place in the Atlantic Division. Boston 123 Detroit 111

Larry Bird's 33 points led the Celtics to a very important win over the defending world champions. Reggie Lewis added 25 points and Parish popped home 23 points for the Celtics. Isaiah Thomas scored 32 points to pace the Pistons.

Boston 133 Orlando 125

The Celtics were in a dogfight with the expansion Magic for two and a half quarters before Bird helped the Celtics pull away for the victory.

Softball team looks for improvement

by David Walsh
Strobe staff

The Fitchburg State College softball team, hoping to rebound from a horrible 6-16 record of a year ago, started the season with a new coach, eleven freshmen, and a couple of top returners. The squad hopes to be a challenger for the MASCAC championship.

The team opened their season on the road against Assumption College. Assumption, having played 17 games already, overwhelmed the Falcons with fine pitching, good defense, and some timely hits in a 9-0 blowout.

New coach Jane Powers, who also coaches the field hockey team, elected to go with freshman Becky Cain in the opener. Cain struggled early as Assumption scored four runs in the first couple of innings.

Freshman Teresa McGinn pitched well in relief.

The Falcons returned to McKay Field for the home opener against Mount Holyoke College. Freshman Jara Dupere allowed 6 hits and three runs (only one earned) as FSC posted a 4-3 victory.

Senior Rhonda Counts and freshman Amy Field had RBI's in the first inning as the Falcons jumped out to an early lead. Freshman Stephanie Dantini scored on a wild pitch for the third Falcon run and freshman Marsha Manna knocked home Kerri Damico with the winning run on a groundout to shortstop.

The Falcons' scheduled game with powerhouse Southeastern Massachusetts University was canceled due to rain over the weekend.

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